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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUBJECT:** Pago Pago Airport Runway 08/26 Shoreline Protection Project, Tutuila, American Samoa

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.
  - a. The Shoreline Inventory Update II prepared in 1994 did not characterize the condition of the Runway 08/26 shoreline (north facing shoreline opposite of Coconut Point). However, the Corps of Engineers replaced inadequate original shoreline protection along Runway 08/23 in 1981.
  - b. By letter dated 19 February 2001[2], the American Samoa Government Department of Port Administration requested assistance to protecting the eroding shoreline adjacent to Runway 08/26.
  - c. The project is being investigated under Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946. The study initiation documents are currently being prepared. Under Section 14, the investigation and design phases are combined to reduce project implementation time providing the project is found to be economically feasible, environmentally acceptable, and politically desirable.
  - d. Funds have been held in abeyance early in fiscal year 2003 due to lack of an approved appropriations. The project is expected to be initiated in March 2003.
3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest in this project, at this time.